CAMBRIDGEPORT/RIVERSIDE

Business Area #5: Cambridgeport/Riverside

Boundaries: bordered by the Charles River, Amesbury Street, the Conrail Railroad, Erie Street, Fairmont Street, River Street, Howard Street, Kinnaird Street, and Flagg Street.

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: all businesses between 550 and 900 Memorial Drive, all industrial, retail and restaurants on Brookline, Pearl, Magazine, River and Western to the south of Erie Street.



Memorial Drive/Lower
Cambridgeport

There were five **commercial robberies** in the Cambridgeport/Riverside business district in 2005. On two different occasions, a masked robber held up the Shell station on Memorial Drive in the early hours of the morning. In both incidents, a gun was shown and money from the register taken. The Shell station located on Magazine street was also a target for robberies in 2005. • Commercial burglaries are very rare in this business district. Two of the four burglaries took place at Riverside Pizzeria where on both occasions, the cash drawer was pried opened and money was stolen. The other burglaries in this area were unrelated. One incident occurred at the Sunoco Station on Memorial Drive where a suspect entered by unknown means and stole the cash register and 200 boxes of cigarettes. To date, no arrests have been made. • In the first half of 2005, ten out of the 13 shoplifting incidents occurred mostly at electronics stores. Four arrests were made including one incident in which a Cambridge man attempted to walk out of Micro Center concealing Mac software without paying. The suspect was apprehended by security. • Larcenies from persons are not an overwhelming problem in this area. The few incidents of this kind are confined to the theft of unattended purses and wallets at bars and hotel restaurants. • No solid pattern can be identified in the 26 larcenies from **buildings** in this business district in 2005. These thefts are a combination of unattended purses stolen at bars and schools, items pilfered from store counters, personal property snatched from hotel rooms, and internal security problems at local businesses.

| CRIME | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
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| Larceny from Building | 35 | 25 | 16 | 26 | 26 |
| Larceny from Person | 11 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Commercial Burglary | 12 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Commercial Robbery | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Shoplifting | 30 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 13 |
| Fraud/Flim | 16 | 23 | 22 | 18 | 25 |
| Flam/Counterfeiting | | | | | |